

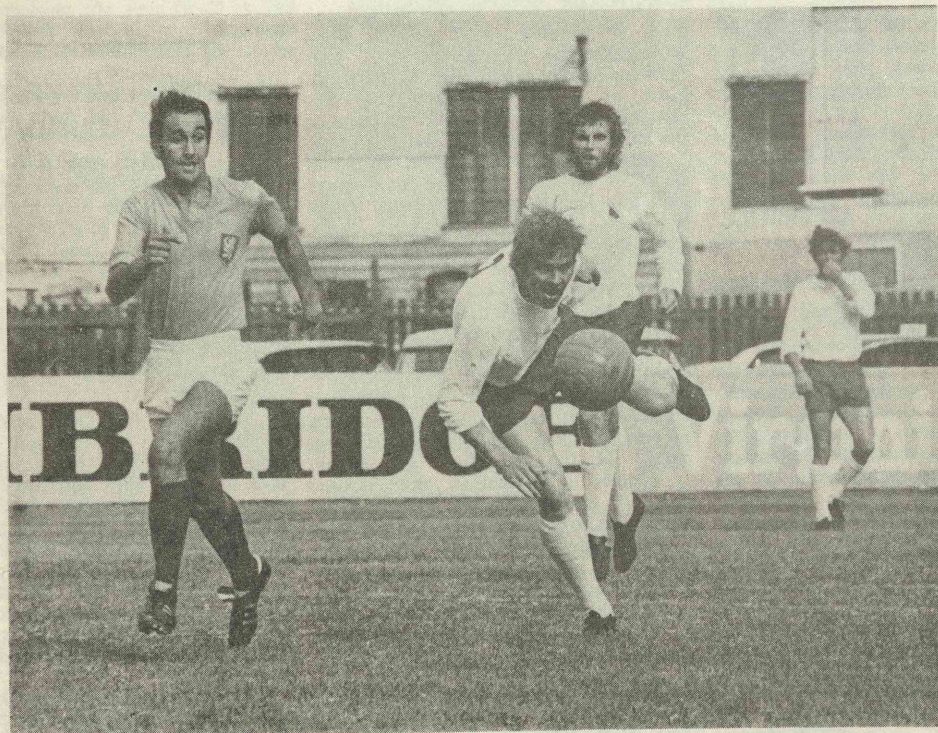
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THIS WEEK: QANTAS CUP QUARTER-FINALS – Mt. Isa will be in Brisbane this week-end for the next stage of the Qantas Cup competition to meet the current premiership leaders Hellenic. In the early match Polonia will line up against Hollandia on Sunday and our cover this week shows two players who should play big roles for their clubs. Polonia centre half Ron Piper heads a clearance away from Hollandia's leading goalscorer Jim McCabe (left), who is expected back in the side this week after injury. Also in the picture are Polonia men Stewart Curtis and Alan James.

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FEATURE PAGE - FOOD FOR THOUGH FROM A READER

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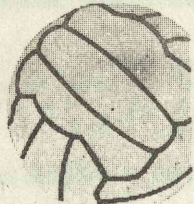
It is to be hoped that the Committee of the Queensland Soccer Federation give seniors thought before staging a further International Soccer exhibition in Brisbane.

A repeat of Saturday weeks clash between Queensland and Dundee, would in my opinion be a disaster, not only financially but for the game as a whole. It would in fact pull Soccer down and reduce the ground that Soccer has achieved in Brisbane during the past few years.

The idea of Exhibition Soccer is generally a good one. Should this idea be put to good use then everyone benefits, (the players, the paying public, the Soccer Federation). But conversely, should this idea be used as it was with Dundee, everybody loses.

The match with Dundee attracted some 10,000 spectators. I would imagine that the Federation would have been pleased with this attendance. But what the spectators saw, and later the Television Public witnessed was a walk-over, mockery, a total disaster. No one expected Queensland to win this match, but we didn't expect to see Queensland humiliated as they surely were. We did hope to see good Soccer. Exhibition Soccer attractive and entertaining, but the public would have been more entertained watching Hellenic play Graceville under 5's.

So what are we to do. Ideally the most successful venture would be to have two Exhibition teams from U.K. to play each other in Brisbane. But financially that would be difficult. We should have



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regular Interstate matches to prepare ourselves, and then when a British team arrives, select an Australian team to play the visitor in each State.

There are many suggestions both practical and unpractical which can only be adopted by the Federation.

The Queensland Soccer Federation faces a problem next month when Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C. visit Brisbane to play supposedly, Queensland. Most of us would know that the standard of Soccer played by this club is far superior to Dundee, and the mind boggles at the probable result. We would therefore be mad to throw our Queensland side against Wolves on equal terms. If we do the match will be a farce, the Queensland XI will again suffer unfair humiliation and do nothing for their morale of Soccer in general. The attendance will suffer, and suffer badly. We must therefore do something to prevent this match become even more than a bore, than the Dundee clash. Please do not consider an Aldermans recent suggestion of inviting interstate players to play for Queensland. This would be the last straw all around.

I have a suggestion that utilised properly could save the day, and the face of all concerned. It would guarantee a good attendance, boost the lagging interest in Spectator Soccer, and serve as experience for many of our players.

I suggest that four of our top teams in Brisbane challenge Wolverhampton Wanderers in lieu of a Queensland XI.

My suggestion is that Hellenic meet Wolves in a match lasting thirty minutes. This should be followed immediately with Hellenic's exit and replaced by Azzurri, for thirty minutes followed by Polonia followed by Latrobe.

This would serve as experience for 44 and more (including substitutes) of our players to gain International Soccer experience. This would extend the visitors, particularly as fresh teams are facing them each half hour.

This would create tremendous interest for the spectator with his team playing against the great "Wolves".

The selector of the four representative teams to participate would be up to the Federation. It would be advisable for half time to be at the end of the second match.

2 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. Azzurri v. Wolverhampton W.

2.45 - 3.15 p.m. Hellenic v. Wolverhampton W.

3.15 - 3.30 p.m. - Half Time -
3.30 - 4.00 p.m. Polonia v. Wolverhampton W.
4.15 - 4.45 p.m. Bardon Latrobe v. Wolverhampton W.

We are,
Yours faithfully,

(Soccer Supporter of Queensland.)

AN OPEN LETTER TO TOM LINNETH - SUNDAY MAIL 28/5 and 4/6

As your mass circulation paper does not cater for letters to columnists, I am writing this to the local soccer magazine 'Go Soccer' in the hope they will print it. In reference to your para. in the Mail (28/5) you assume not too many men would like George Pagan's job as Queensland coach and sole selector. There is not a coach in Brisbane worthy of the name, who wouldn't jump at the chance, given a free hand.

You go on to ridicule the idea of sole selection using an argument as old as Ayer's Rock and about as useful. This idea has been tried and tested in every major soccer country in the world, the simple advantage being, continued failure brings the obvious dismissal to the man in charge. Australia, at a national level, threw your idea out about four years ago and has maintained a steady rate of improvement since, so much so, that we are now regarded as an emerging soccer power.

The reason this idea works is basically simple. International soccer today, at a club or country level, is big business. In any business organisation there can only be one boss. The tactics, systems and styles evolved by the numerous nationalities, temperaments, and climatic conditions around the world mean that today soccer teamwork is reaching towards a new high in technical progress and achievement at a coaching level. The modern soccer boss, as in business, selects his players for many different reasons, team balance and blending being possibly the foremost. The team, once on the field set in motion his ideas, and try to outwit the systems and tactics used by his opposite number. Therefore the equation appears as

Boss + Ideas + Tactics to be used
+ Sole Selection of Available Players = Success or Failure.

In your second para. you ask why a player can be worth so much money. Again it is simple mathematics, but in your isolationist position in Queensland you wouldn't know. The "pulling power" of a "star" can be shown by the fact

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MT. ISA: CAN THEY DO IT THIS TIME?

That's the big question everyone is asking this week-end. Mt. Isa, always one of the most popular of our visiting sides, will be here for their fourth crack at the Qantas Cup, which so far has eluded them.

Let's now have a look at their three previous visits and for the first we go right back to 1969 when they faced Polonia in the main quarter final at the Exhibition Ground.

That was probably the closest they went to making the semi-finals as Syd Tucker's lucky goal, only 15 minutes from fulltime, knocked them out of the Cup.

The match looked certain to go into extra time when Jed Parker badly misjudged Tucker's seemingly harmless lob shot.

But Mt. Isa contributed to their own defeat by missing far too many easy chances in the match, the worst offender being inside right Ian McNeill, who bombed a sitter in each half with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Right winger Mel Anson clashed with Derek Attwood in the first half and was taken to hospital with a broken ankle. Frank Romanowski also received a knock on the head and was replaced by George Kurylewski.

Clark appeared to be out of position on the Polonia wing and Tony Lowndes had trouble fitting into the attack in his debut with his new club.

Dave Scutt, at centre half, and fullback Les Wilkins held the Mt. Isa defence together and George Whitaker as usual was one of the best for Polonia.

Next year in 1970, Mt. Isa found themselves pitted against the strong Merton-East side in a bid to reach the semi-finals.

Merton led 1-0 at half-time and in the second half gradually asserted their superior teamwork and condition to eventually win 4-1.

Geoff Green had a great match in the middle for Merton and was well supported by Harry Stewart and Trevor Catchpole.

It was Catchpole's great run down the left wing and perfect pass which enabled Eric Pattison to score after 19 minutes for Merton's halftime lead.

Nineteen minutes into the second half, Catchpole again did the leadup work and left winger Ron Millman scored to make it 2-0.

Almost immediately Mt. Isa were back in the picture when Hugh Montgomery combined with Vic Paunovic to allow right winger Alan White to score an opportunist goal.

But Pattison got another and Neil Catchpole added the fourth to put the issue beyond doubt.

Best for Merton in the match were Green, Catchpole, Meagher, Abbott, Pattison and Millman while centre half Scutt, halfback Fritz Oelling and fullback Duncan Nolan were the pick for Mt. Isa.

1971 and back they came again, but this time for a first round match against premiers leaders Bardon-Latrobe.

Although Bardon won 4-1, many considered that this particular Mt. Isa side was the best yet seen in Brisbane and played football to match their First Division opponents in the first half.

Rugged tackling and sure passing unsettled Bardon in the first half and many felt Mt. Isa deserved their 1-0 lead, although it came from a controversial penalty awarded by John Adams.

Martin Coe clashed heavily with Isa right winger Kevin Burke in the goal-mouth and skipper Fritz Oelling made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Mt. Isa were rocked by Bardon's two goals in the first five minutes of the second half when Peter Pirog slammed an 18-yard drive past John Kadlecik and Bob Buchanan produced an opportunist effort after a defence mixup.

George Fraser added the third and Mick Lee scored from the penalty spot to put Bardon into the semis. They later reached a controversial final but went down 1-2 to Azzurri.

Alan Sinclair, Geoff Gault and John Hickman comprised a formidable Bardon defence, Nolan and Scutt as always were solid for Mt. Isa and were supported by forwards White, Martin Connors and Vince McGrady.

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OPEN LETTER TO
TOM LINNETH (Contd.)

that gates show a terrific increase over average when a new player appears. Rodney Marsh was played by Manchester City and their gate jumped by an estimated 13,000. This would represent \$6,500 in a week. You quote figures on how long it would take a player to amortise, when in fact this would depend on the club he plays with. Leeds and Arsenal shared \$400,000 between them after the recent Cup Final. That was one half of the cost of Arsenal's Alan Ball recovered in one match. There is also another "angle" in the transfer market. If a club feels their profit, before tax, is in excess they can lower this by "capital outlay", i.e. buying a player, reducing the tax payable, then after the tax year, they sell another "lesser light", pushing the income up again, simple, uncomplicated big business.

Tom, if I may use your name, continue in your plugging of League and Rules, potentially limited and dead sports. Don't start to meddle in a sport that is today played at such a level, all across the globe, unless you are first prepared to investigate and absorb the knowledge contained therein. Soccer today is the truly International team sport and as such is much too big for your limited knowledge of its inside workings. This leads me to make comment on the media in Queensland. In my ten years here, I have formed the opinion that there are people in Australia, and more so Queensland, who are hell-bent in keeping this sport from the masses. We are told the people are not interested.

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REFEREES' CORNER WHO MAKES THE LAWS?

(Compiled by J. Carlin, Publicity Officer, Australian Soccer Referees Federation, Qld. Division.)

I have often been asked "Who Makes the Laws?". Perhaps the undernoted article taken from F.I.F.A. News will be of interest to those concerned, particularly those in authority here in Queensland.

The International F.A. Board is composed of delegations from the four British Associations (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) and from F.I.F.A. It can only make decisions if at least four member Associations are present, of which F.I.F.A. must be one. The four British Associations have one vote each and F.I.F.A. has four votes on behalf of her member National Associations.

Alterations to the Laws of the Game can only be decided if they are agreed by at least three quarters of those present who are entitled to vote. In other words, alterations cannot be decided without the four F.I.F.A. votes.

In recent years, few important changes have been made to the Laws of the Game by the International F.A. Board. Such changes are:-

1. Permission was given to substitute up to two players per team.
2. The practice was introduced of taking penalty kicks to determine which of the two teams in a

drawn match in a knock-out competition should be declared the winner.

3. Decisions were also made concerning time-wasting tactics (Four Step Rule for Goalkeepers).

No major changes are expected this year - this in view of the line of conduct agreed by the F.I.F.A. Referees' Committee at their April meeting, when considering the items on the Agenda of the International Board.

Sometimes, the International Board has been described too often as an old-fashioned, outdated, decayed institution which has no feeling for mobility and the necessities of the "modern" game. Yet high ranking F.I.F.A. officials and officials of National Associations as well, who have an extensive knowledge of the complicated procedure of introducing changes in worldwide football are convinced that the opposite is true. As it takes up to three or four years before alterations to the Laws of the Game and the Decisions of the International Board are understood and applied in all 138 member Associations of F.I.F.A. all over the world, too many too frequent changes of the Laws of the Game would be very detrimental to the game, especially if such changes

result from the kind of proposals submitted by the too numerous "protestors" and "reformers at all costs", who are nowadays at work in every sphere of human activity.

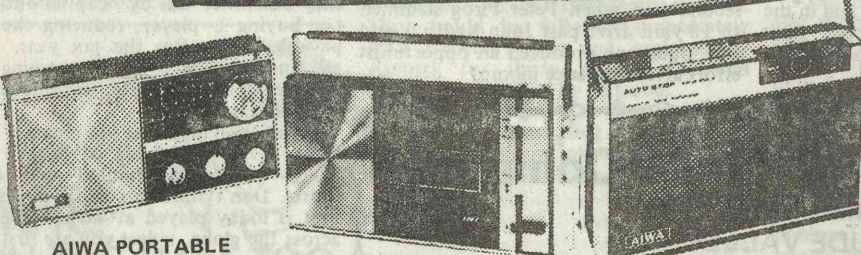
Real experts in the Laws of the Game are convinced that, although it might be necessary to rewrite the text of the Laws of the Game and of the Decisions of the Board in some cases in a more easily understandable form, the general principles laid down in the different Laws are simple, logical and sufficient for the needs and development of football, and adequately ensure that football is played, understood easily and enjoyed by the millions of players and hundreds of millions of spectators, - including ever increasing multitudes of youth players and new spectators.

Recently, however, some requests have been made for simplification of Offside Law, because it is not always understood at exactly what moment the offside position should be judged and penalised by the referee (i.e. at the moment when the ball is played). This leads to difficulties for the referee when players and sections of the public, thinking that his decision is not correct, appeal and protest.

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Gap	10	6	1	3	18	11	13
Annerley	10	5	2	3	16	20	12
Mt. Gravatt	8	5	1	2	15	7	11
Wynnum	8	4	2	2	18	9	10
Taringa	8	5	-	3	25	14	10
Germania	9	3	3	3	16	15	9
Merton	9	3	1	5	11	13	7
Newmarket	8	2	3	3	12	17	7
Budapest	10	3	1	6	16	29	7
Souths	9	2	1	6	10	19	5
Hellenic	8	1	-	7	7	27	2

2B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bardon	10	8	-	2	39	14	16
Redcliffe	9	7	1	1	24	11	15
Gold Coast	8	6	-	2	36	11	12
Azzurri	9	5	2	2	23	21	12
Redlands	9	5	-	4	21	27	10
Coalstars	9	5	1	3	36	22	11
University	8	3	1	4	17	21	7
Polonia	8	3	1	4	10	24	7
Thistle	8	3	-	5	21	22	6
Dnipro	8	2	-	6	16	27	4
Hollandia	8	1	-	7	9	28	2
Merton	8	-	-	8	13	37	0

2C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxley	10	9	-	1	47	12	18
Olympic	8	6	1	1	25	7	13
Annerley	9	5	2	2	31	21	12
Fairfield	8	5	1	2	33	15	11
Gap	10	4	3	3	21	13	11
Germania	9	4	3	2	22	14	11
Wynnum	9	5	1	3	25	20	11
Mitchelton	10	4	2	4	41	23	10
Bardon	9	2	1	6	16	34	5
Taringa	10	1	2	7	20	26	4
St. Helens	8	1	2	5	20	31	4
Budapest	10	-	-	10	4	89	0

*Fairfield v. St. Helens not reported.

3A DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	9	7	-	2	27	18	14
Acacia Ridge	10	6	1	3	29	14	13
Redcliffe	9	6	1	2	22	11	13
Park Rangers	10	6	1	3	29	25	13
Toowong	9	6	-	3	23	16	12
Dnipro	9	6	-	3	20	15	12
Souths	10	6	-	4	22	21	12
Pine Rivers	9	4	1	4	23	21	9
Annerley	9	3	-	6	21	24	6
Thistle	9	1	2	6	15	25	4
Newmarket	9	1	2	6	11	22	4
Gap	10	-	-	10	4	34	0

3B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	9	8	-	1	37	4	16
Darra	10	8	-	2	45	12	16
Booval	10	7	-	3	30	16	14
University	10	7	-	3	31	20	14
Mt. Gravatt	10	6	1	3	30	14	13
Valley	9	6	1	2	23	12	13
Brighton	9	5	2	2	46	18	12
Redlands	10	3	-	7	18	44	6
Taringa	9	2	-	7	11	41	4
Toowong	9	2	-	7	8	45	4
Annerley	9	1	-	8	4	57	2

3C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Farm	10	10	-	-	64	5	20
Irish	9	8	-	1	42	7	16
Gold Coast	9	6	2	1	17	9	14
Budapest	7	5	-	2	20	20	10
Nerang	8	4	1	3	18	14	9
North Star	8	3	2	3	23	24	8
Fairfield	9	3	1	5	29	42	7
University	7	3	-	4	25	19	6

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Mitchelton	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mitchelton	10	3	-	7	27	30	6
Park Rangers	9	2	-	7	17	53	4
Kedron Teach.	8	1	-	7	14	48	2
Mt. Gravatt	8	-	-	8	4	29	0

4th DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wacol	10	10	-	-	63	17	20
Army	10	8	-	2	65	14	16
Logan	10	7	-	3	42	18	14
New Farm	9	6	-	3	35	15	12
St. Michaels	10	6	-	4	25	19	12
Irish	10	5	-	5	16	22	10
Pine Rivers	10	4	1	5	17	31	9
Mt. Grav. Tch.	9	2	2	5	30	22	6
North Star	7	3	-	4	17	31	6
Newmarket	10	2	1	7	36	41	5
Toowong	9	1	2	6	9	51	4
Nerang	10	-	-	10	9	83	0

COLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	9	9	-	-	58	6	18
Hollandia	8	6	2	-	45	8	14
Annerley	8	7	-	1	28	10	14
Oxley	10	6	1	3	29	28	13
Germania	8	4	3	1	28	10	11
Mt. Gravatt	10	5	1	4	25	16	11
Logan	9	4	1	4	28	16	9
Pine Rivers	10	4	-	6	19	39	8
Wynnum	9	3	1	5	21	28	7
Mitchelton	9	3	1	5	23	32	7
Souths	9	3	1	5	15	25	7
Azzurri	8	2	1	5	23	17	5
Thistle	8	-	-	8	5	36	0
Darra	9	-	-	9	8	84	0

St. Helens v. Azzurri not reported

QANTAS CUP QUARTER-FINALS

MERTON v. ST. HELENS (Saturday, Perry Park, 3.00)

By Bob Buchanan

If you think that Merton are going to walk away with this Qantas Cup match, you are wrong, as Merton are not playing anything like the way we know they can.

Too many chances are being created and being missed consistently. What has happened to Trevor Catchpole, I have never seen him so shot shy.

Ron Millman is having a lean spell while Eric Pattison has lost a lot of his edge, maybe due to lack of match practice.

The midfield last week broke down too often, with Steve Dolan being brushed aside too easily, and Bill Donaldson also had an off day. I thought the conditions should have suited Donaldson, but he tired in the early part of the second half.

The back four also had its moments, but Gary Catchpole, having a good season, managed to pull the rest into line, when needed.

I think Merton will beat Saints, as the men from Ipswich are bound to have a scratch side, depending of course what happened at the disciplinary meeting during the week. But I would not take them cheap, as they love being underdog.

What of Saints, obviously they have troubles with two players ordered off last week. They reckon the world is against them. There may be some truth in this. I don't think so.

The only way to answer the critics is to pull yourselves together and play "football". You have the players to do it, if only they would apply themselves.

Young Doyle in goals lacks confidence, but I don't hear players like Stuart Dedman and Bruce Dobbie giving him any encouragement.

Peter Gemmell played his heart out last week, but with red shirts coming in

all directions and no support, even he was getting frustrated.

If John Verrall and Lex Gibb lift their game, and Fred Robins plays Glen McKeand up front, then I say that Saints have a chance, but if the two brothers are not playing, then they have "No Dann chance".

THE TEAMS

MERTON	ST. HELENS
1. B. Willis	1. N. Doyle
2. G. Clelland	2. S. Dann
3. G. Meagher	3. B. Dobbie
4. A. Senjuschenki	4. S. Dedman
5. G. Catchpole	5. D. Dann
6. S. Dolan	6. P. Gemmell
7. B. Bohan	7. J. Dann
8. T. Catchpole	8. G. Green
9. R. Millman	9. N. Podlich
10. W. Donaldson	10. A. Gibb
11. E. Pattison	11. J. Verrall



POLONIA v. HOLLANDIA (Sunday, Perry Park, 1.00)

By Bruce Waddell

A few weeks back this match would virtually have been a foregone conclusion in Hollandia's favour.

But Polonia's recent premiership form which has produced three of a possible four points, now brings them right back in the picture.

Hollandia too are having troubles as their leading goalscorer Jimmy McCabe has been out with a burst blood vessel in the leg, but he is expected back again this week.

Gary Wilkins' transfer to the middle to compensate for the absence of McCabe and Dave Sargent last week almost prov-

ed fatal, but this problem could be solved if Hollandia can manage to complete their negotiations with Charlie Dench by the week-end.

Big Phil Sunderland as always has been a tower of strength at the back, but he and Peter Steen will be looking for a much improved performance from Mark Walker, who was very shaky against Thistle last Saturday.

Two men largely responsible for Polonia's rise in the last two matches are centre half Ron Piper and halfback Alan James. Without those two Polonia could have been in trouble although there is no denying that there has been a general improvement all round.

Coach Syd Tucker still must be dismayed with some of the simple chances being bombed, particularly by Wayne Walker, Keith Hymas and Bob Barlow.

The acquisition of Dave Sargent will pay dividends in the long run and it will be interesting to see how Sargent faces up to the club he left only last week.

Frank Romanowski has been consistent behind Ian Frampton and Derek Attwood and deserves to hold his position, particularly now that Barlow is being used as a striker.

Polonia's improved form, as I said, gives them a great chance, but if Hollandia can sort out their injury and transfer problems by the week-end, they should be able to manage a place in the semi-finals.

THE TEAMS

POLONIA	HOLLANDIA
1. F. Romanowski	1. M. Walker
2. I. Frampton	2. E. Coates
3. D. Attwood	3. P. Steen
4. A. Curtis	4. B. Mollie
5. R. Piper	5. P. Sunderland
6. A. James	6. S. Anderson
7. W. Walker	7. L. Koraknai
8. R. Barlow	8. G. Wilkins
9. K. Hymas	9. E. Kearney
10. D. Sargent	10. R. Wilson
11. R. Clark	11. D. Wilkins

HELLENIC v. MT. ISA (Sunday, Perry Park, 3.00)

By Bruce Waddell

Some old and some new faces will be in the Mt. Isa side in Brisbane this week-end for its fourth crack at the Qantas Cup.

Despite the good win over Azzurri in the first round at home, they face a tough task against the premiership leaders, who are holding a three-points lead at the top of the points table.

Powerful centre half Dave Scutt, who has worn the No. 5 jersey in his previous visits here will again be the pivot of a normally strong Mt. Isa backline.

Other well known faces in that defence will be genial Fritz Oelling, Vince McGrady and Vic Paunovic. Mt. Isa usually have done reasonably well in defence in Brisbane, but condition and lack of punch up front have gone against them.

Flying winger, Alan White, Manfred Born, Leo Candante, one of the goal-scorers against Azzurri, and centre forward Ken McLean should comprise an attack which will keep Gordon Mackie, Chas. Matters and Billy Maxton on their toes right throughout the match.

The first three, of course, played against Bardon last year, and McLean will be remembered for his performance for St. Helens and later Grange-Thistle a couple of seasons back.

The goalkeeping position rests between Andy Henderson, who played reserve grade for Hollandia and 19-year-old Bobby Walker, the youngest member of the side and a newcomer to Brisbane crowds.

Hellenic, of course, will be attempting to carry on their strong premiership form, which has so far produced only one loss, by coincidence to Azzurri, Mt. Isa's conquerors in the first round.

Hellenic though, had to withstand a pretty solid fightback against Coalstars last Sunday after earlier springing away

to a commanding 2-0 lead.

Hellenic are finding goals easy to come by and with the services of Billy Fagan, Andy Tsoumbaras and Nigel Rehbock, this should be maintained.

Rehbock in fact has been the real find of the season for Hellenic and his timely opportunism has collected him seven premiership goals, the same as his co-forward Fagan.

In the light of Mt. Isa's previous Brisbane record, the home team always must be strongly favoured, but who knows just what Mt. Isa may produce this year in their attempt to break new ground in the Cup competition.

THE TEAMS

HELLENIC	MT. ISA
1. S. Sander	1. H. Steinkamp
2. C. Petridis	2. R. Palmer
3. C. Matters	3. D. Nolan
4. W. Maxton	4. V. McGrady
5. G. Mackie	5. D. Scutt
6. M. Jackson	6. F. Oelling
7. W. Fagan	7. A. White
8. A. Murtagh	8. K. McArdle
9. N. Rehbock	9. K. McLean
10. A. Tsoumbaras	10. L. Candante
11. I. Fagan	11. M. Born



BARDON v. THISTLE (Monday, Perry Park, 3.00)

By Bob Buchanan

This is for me the game of the week-end, as we have the two unpredictables of Brisbane soccer - both are either good, or the other.

Last week Thistle should have beaten Hollandia, but didn't, in fact, had Pete Roberts had an off day, they could have lost.

Alec Keenan is playing well now using the head more, and his Irish mate Alec Anderson is very steady.

A pleasing note for Thistle officials is the return to form of Owen Monaghan. He had to come good sometime, as he was too quiet for too long.

I still think the trouble out Lanham way is up front, with only Jim Ancliffe being consistently on form, but having hardly any support. He too must be getting overworked.

Ritchie Smith improved last week, but still has too many rests to be productive. Barry Dann will have to permute again this week to try for some sort of combination.

As for Bardon-Latrobe, I have forgotten them for not getting me my first double last week, one more goal would have done it.

But, when you gauge the lack of opposing players, the opportunities created, they should have had at least 13, and I am being liberal.

Again the old trouble of trying to walk it in from four feet. No wonder Jim Binnie has now a few grey hairs.

Eddie Carrigan showed how, with a 20 yd. screamer which was well played and not a "Goalkeepers Error" as reported. But apart from Mick Lee's second, most of the goals came from about 10 yds out.

The defence was steady even although not seriously tested, and it was good to see Geoff Gault getting back his confidence.

Martin Coe was very quiet, but sound as was Alan Sinclair, but John Hudson was the man for me, he is improving week by week.

The game will be won in midfield where I think Carrigan and Hudson should be too good for Monaghan and David Jones, but if both forward lines decide to shoot more often, then the goalkeepers should be busy, and the spectators should see a good match.

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THE TEAMS

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| BARDON | THISTLE |
| 1. M. Coe | 1. P. Roberts |
| 2. G. Patruno | 2. A. Keenan |
| 3. G. Rowan | 3. A. Anderson |
| 4. G. Gault | 4. B. Dann |
| 5. M. Lee | 5. B. Allison |
| 6. A. Sinclair | 6. A. Bain |
| 7. G. Fraser | 7. M. Porter |
| 8. J. Hudson | 8. O. Monaghan |
| 9. E. Carrigan | 9. D. Jones |
| 10. N. Docherty | 10. J. Ancliffe |
| 11. A. Morris | 11. R. Smith |

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday, June 17 — Polonia v. Coalstars (Perry Park, 3.00).
Azzurri v. Bardon (Spencer Park, 2.45).
Oxley v. Thistle (Lanham Park, 2.45).
Sunday, June 18 — Hellenic v. Hollandia (Perry Park, 3.00).
St. Helens v. Merton (Ebbw Vale, 2.45).

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Thistle 3 (Ancliffe, Culhana, Pollard) d. Oxley 1 (Kirk).
Hellenic 3 (W. Fagan, Rehbock, Tsoumbaras) d. Hollandia 2 (McCabe, Sargent).
St. Helens 5 (Gibb, Cruickshanks, Gemmell, Dobbie, Verrall) d. Merton 4 (Patison 2, Millman, Heath).
Azzurri 2 (Dench, own goal) d. Bardon 0.
Coalstars 1 (Cumming) v. Polonia 1 (Walker).

First Division Points Table on Page 11.

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MOUNT ISA PER PICTURES

KEN McLEAN (Irish, 22): Having his second game for Mount Isa. First was against Merton last month. Centre-forward with five years of Brisbane first division experience — two years for Grange Thistle and three years with St. Helens.

LEO CANDANTEN (International, 38): Former North Queensland representative who still retains his speed and flair for goaling. Making his sixth representative appearance for Mount Isa. At 15, played second division league soccer in Italy.

ANDY HENDERSON (Concordia, 20): Former reserve grade keeper for Brisbane Club Hollandia having his first season in Mount Isa. Made his first appearance for Mount Isa against Merton East last month. The best player in his position here.

MANFRED BORN (Concordia, 30): Will play for Mount Isa for the fifth time. Played against Darwin twice in 1969 and 1970, and against Hollandia and Polonia in 1969. His sixth season here and operates equally well in the fullback and left wing positions.

FRITZ OELLING (International, 31): Coached the team against Merton last month and was retained for this. Opted out of the Merton game. Has represented Mount Isa in every representative game since 1964, when he first played here. Captained Mount Isa six times.

HANS BAND (International, 26): Solid fullback and useful left winger who has played for Mount Isa on three previous occasions. At 17 years of age was approached by Merton in its first visit to this centre in 1962. Playing his seventh season here.

DUNCAN NOLAN: Big strong fullback who has played for Mount Isa since the 1970 game against Polonia. Did not play against Azzurri, but with strong recent form has forced his way back into the side.

HAROLD STEINKAMP: Has been reserve goalkeeper on four previous occasions and played against Rockhampton at Lang Park in the curtain raiser to the Queensland v. English FA Eleven match last year.

KEVIN McCARDLE: Considered the shock selection by soccer supporters in Mount Isa and will be playing for Mount Isa for the first time.

MARIO STIVALA (International, 30): Inside forward who is having second season here since coming from Ingham, where he represented that centre. Making his first appearance in the Mount Isa side, but could have done so earlier but for recurring leg injury. Played inter-city football in Italy.

DAVID SCUTT (Anglo, 26): Captain of the present team and led Mount Isa once

before against Darwin in 1970. Has missed only one representative appearance but has seven others to his credit. Was in the Anglo side which won the local premiership in 1969 and has been with that club since. Having his fifth season here and widely regarded as the best all-round player at present in Mount Isa.

ROY PALMER (Scotties, 27): Having his first full season in Mount Isa. Played against Merton in the invitation game and one of the best midfield players at present here. Previously played amateur football in Sydney.

ALAN WHITE (Irish, 29): Having his fifth season in local football and has made every Mount Isa representative side since 1969 but one, due to injury. Very speedy right-winger who can give Mount Isa an early lead as he has done in the past.

VINCE McGRADY (Blue Adriatic, 23): Captained Mount Isa for the Merton visit. Having his second season here and wore Mount Isa colors against Bardon Latrobe and Rockhampton last year. Expected to be a tower of strength in the half line.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have often read criticism of our referees. I would like this opportunity to praise the referee of the Souths United v. Mt. Gravatt Colts fixture, June 3rd — Mr. K. Lennon.

He kept the game flowing at all times and whenever there was an incident of accidental hand ball, it was "Play On". He made his own offside decisions only relying on his volunteer linesmen for ball out of play.

The game was fast and interesting due mainly, I believe, to the quality of refereeing, whilst even the most rabid one-eyed supporter could not honestly fault his decisions.

As the subject is both Colts and Referees, I must mention the number of times when it becomes a last minute search for a substitute referee, most of these gentlemen leaving a lot to be desired, and the games all too often getting out of hand.

Assuming Colts of today could be the higher Division players of tomorrow, it surely must be an essential part of their football education to play in fixtures controlled by official referees.

R.L. RONEY, Souths United

Dear Sir,

After reading John Steels' letter in last weeks "Go Soccer", I was disturbed to see it was signed ex-chairman. Knowing John Steel to be a man of great principle and integrity, have I to take it he has resigned over the incident he described?

I think this whole affair smells somewhat. Being an ardent soccer man I cannot understand a sub-committee being overruled by the parent body which elected it. The way John Steel described it from the Referee's report, I would say the referee acted very leniently, for what was described is surely VIOLENT CONDUCT, usually punished by sending off. This being the case the disciplinary committee was lenient in only giving one week.

If it is true about John Steels resignation, surely it is your duty as the official soccer magazine editor to seek out and report the facts of this affair to the soccer public. John Steels kind are hard to come by.

A WONDERING FAN

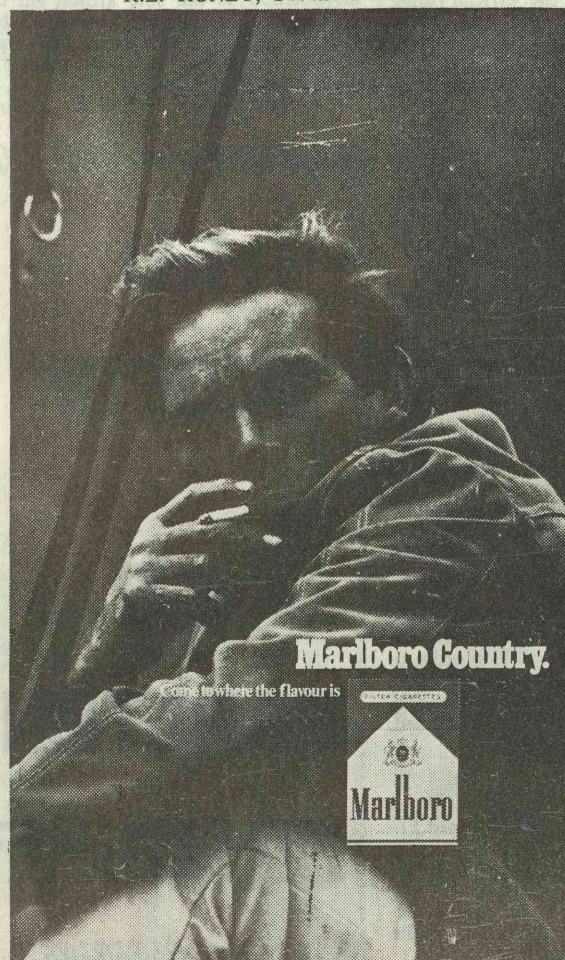
Mr. Waddell,

Your co-commentator should get his facts straight before he enters into a discussion concerning the pros and cons of Adrian Alston playing at full back for Australia at Lang Park last year. Last Friday night he said both Israel's goals came off the right flank. Once again his "slip is showing", it shows a lot these days.

As I remember it, Israel's first goal came from a driven corner kick, from the right, which was deflected into the net, hardly the type of situation one would blame on an individual. The second goal was a wonderful lob shot from Mordechai Schpeigler who created the chance for himself on the corner of the penalty area, left side, once again far away from Alston's beat.

No, No, Mr. Bruscasco you'll have to do better than that.

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| 6 | Neil Docherty | (Bardon) |
| 6 | Alan Morris | (Bardon) |
| 6 | Charlie Dench | (Azzurri) |
| 5 | Dave Sargent | (Polonia) |
| 5 | Ron Millman | (Merton) |
| 5 | Billy Haigh | (Azzurri) |
| 4 | Andy Tsoumbaras | (Hellenic) |
| 4 | John Verrall | (St. Helens) |
| 4 | Neil Catchpole | (Hellenic) |
| 4 | Bob Dobinson | (Oxley) |
| 4 | Ian Johnston | (Azzurri) |
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THE WEEK THAT WAS

No real upsets last week-end although Oxley and Coalstars did their best to almost snatch a point by fighting back late against Azzurri and Hellenic.

With the absence of Charlie Dench, Billy Haigh now seems to have adopted the mantle of goalscorer in chief and could have grabbed a hat-trick but for catching the epidemic that is taking hold at the moment - missed penalty kicks.

Peter Steen almost joined the casualty list on the same day when Peter Roberts got his hands to Steen's spot kick which earned Hollandia the draw with Thistle.

On the whole Thistle deserved the two points, even most Hollandia supporters agreed with that after the match, but too many chances, Martin Porter and Ritchie Smith take note, were missed in the first half.

David Jones answered his critics who claim that he is not a centre forward by using his intelligence to put Thistle in front but Ted Kearney's opportunism following a Barry Dann mistake, drew Hollandia level.

A clever overhead kick by Jim Ancliffe looked like the winning goal although he may have been a little lucky in that Mark Walker, injured only seconds before, was forced to leave the net unattended.

Full marks to Owen Monaghan, who showed what ball control is all about in the slippery conditions, the hard running of Ancliffe and the outstanding display by young Peter Roberts, who certainly is destined to wear a Queensland jersey in the not too distant future.

On Sunday, Merton, who like Hollandia were looking for two points to further their final four claims, had to be content with only one against a determined Polonia.

But here too it was felt that Merton failed to take advantage of a number of chances in the first half. Ron Millman was guilty of some but his overall display prompted remarks that he should be one of the contenders for the game against Wolves next Wednesday.

Another to impress, and he has done so since arriving in Brisbane, who Billy Donaldson, who is an object lesson in the way he usually finds a man with his passing.

Another woeful performance from the unpredictable Saints put a dampener on the second half of Sunday's double-header and one wonders what some of their players are trying to achieve by indulging in blatant fouls almost from the start of the match.

A couple seemed determined to get sent off and if that's true then they obviously succeeded.

Only Peter Gemmill put his heart into the full 90 minutes but his football deserved better recognition than it got from his team mates.

Saints' display made Bardon look like world-beaters which was highlighted

even more when Saints were reduced to nine men in the second half.

It provided Neil Docherty, Alan Morris, John Hudson and even Mick Lee to gain some valuable goalscoring practice and the opportunity to improve their goal average, which could come in handy later in the season.

From all reports, when Coalstars decided to knuckle down and play football they gave Hellenic plenty to think about and it would be a surprise if they don't soon begin to move away from the bottom of the table.

Highlights of the week-end - Peter Roberts' fine display in goal for Thistle and the two junior matches at halftime on both days to start the Channel 0 Challenge Trophy competition.

REFEREES' REPLY

Submitted by G. Harrison, Referees Coach, A.S.R.F. (Qld. Div.).

In reply to the correspondent in the Go Soccer requesting the official ruling and instructions given to referees in the cast of a deliberate hand ball offence by a defender to prevent an attacking move, the following is submitted to clarify the position.

It has always been considered by the Soccer Code that sportsmanship and fair play are an intrinsic part of the game and without this attitude by players, coaches, referees and all others connected with the code, it could very quickly lose its appeal and international recognition.

In the case in question where a defender has been beaten in a fair manner by his opponent, but is not a big enough sportsman to accept his opponent has better skills than himself and as a result resorts to handling the ball to stop the attacking move. Not only is this a hand ball offence under Law 12, but is also conduct unbecoming a true sportsman as in other words. Ungentlemanly Conduct.

Under Law 12 the referee has no option but to caution the player, the Rules stating that the referee shall caution a player if he is guilty of Ungentlemanly Conduct.

Similarly the defender who is beaten by an opponent who then crashes in with a blatantly unfair tackle in order to prevent a dangerous attack developing is going against the concept of sportsmanship and as a result will be cautioned.



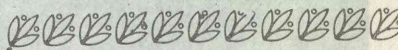
REFEREES' CORNER

"WHO MAKES THE LAWS" (Contd.)

This brings the matter to what is considered to be one of the most important tasks of the International F.A. Board and also of the F.I.F.A. Referees' Committee.

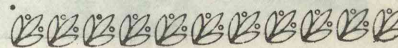
These two supreme authorities on the Laws of the Game and refereeing should seriously examine, discuss and subsequently issue strong instructions to restore the authority of the referee on the field. His decisions should be accepted unconditionally, without thought of appeal, protest or objection, by word or gesture from the players. This subject has already been raised at the recent Conference on the Laws of the Game in which F.I.F.A. Referees Committee members and the Presidents and Secretaries of Confederation Referees' Committees participated.

If the referee performs his duties on the field with firm decision, courage and confidence, and applies and interprets the Laws of the Game so as to be fair but firm with both teams, then such unconditional acceptance of his authority is undoubtedly due to him. He thus earns the respect of all concerned for his position as the sole arbiter on the field, - that of players, managers, club officials and the authorities. In this way, the spectators too may fully enjoy the performance of their favourite team, of the opposing team and of the referee.



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St. Helens	9	2	2	5	17	36	6
Oxley	9	2	1	6	14	24	5
Coalstars	9	1	3	5	12	22	5

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Hellenic	4	4	-	-	16	4	8
Bardon	5	3	-	2	11	4	6
Azzurri	5	4	-	1	15	8	8
Thistle	4	3	-	1	10	3	6
Hollandia	4	1	1	2	9	9	3
Merton	4	1	2	1	8	8	4
Polonia	5	-	1	4	3	9	1
St. Helens	5	1	2	2	9	13	4
Oxley	5	1	1	3	9	14	3
Coalstars	4	-	2	2	5	10	2

AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hellenic	5	3	1	1	11	10	7
Bardon	4	3	-	1	11	7	6
Azzurri	4	2	-	2	5	7	4
Thistle	5	2	1	2	13	7	5
Hollandia	5	3	1	1	12	8	7
Merton	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Polonia	4	1	3	-	4	3	5
St. Helens	4	1	-	3	8	23	2
Oxley	4	1	-	3	5	10	2
Coalstars	5	1	1	3	7	12	3

TIPSTER'S CORNER

Progressive Points	George Pagan	Bill Malcolm	Bob Buchanan	John Steel	Ron Mitchell	Reg Erskine	Bruce Waddell	Most Fancied
Erskine 26, Waddell 26, Steel 25, Buchanan 24, Malcolm 22, Pagan 21, Mitchell 20								
Merton v. St. Helens	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Polonia v. Hollandia	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2
Hellenic v. Mt. Isa	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Bardon v. Thistle	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

NEWS FROM THE GAP

2A DIV.

During the 1st half of a match played under heavy conditions the Gap showed glimpses of a return to form, Lloyd Benson scoring the only goal of the match in this period. The same player had a tremendous shot brilliantly saved by Souths Utd. keeper before half time. 2nd half was fairly even. Souths nearly snatching a late equaliser when Ryan broke clear but his final shot was saved.

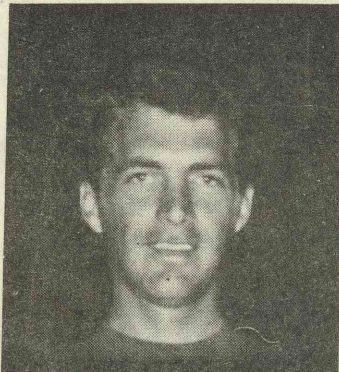
2C DIV.

Gap gave Olympic their 1st defeat with a great team effort in a 1-0 home win in a hard and entertaining match. Greg Dunlop notching the winner. A solid all round display by Jock Pender received good support from the rest of his side.

Jim Bell.

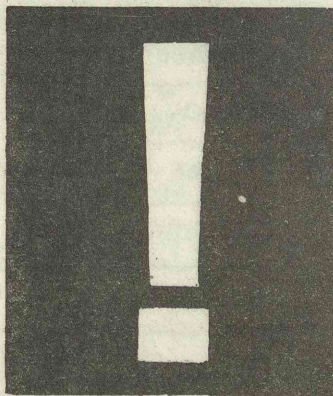
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